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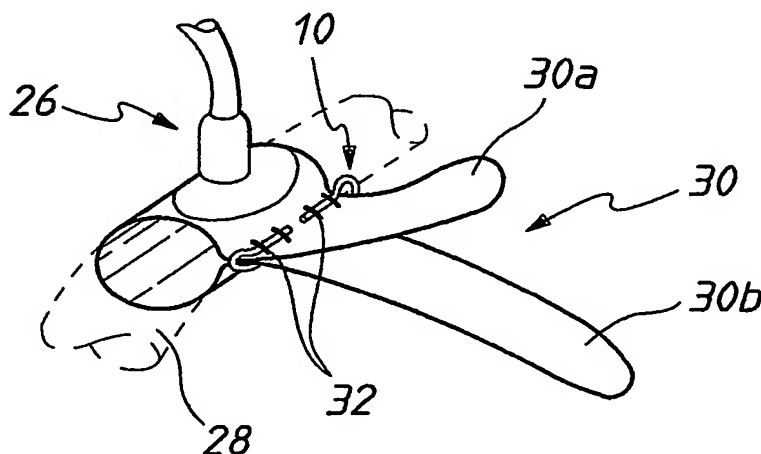
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wrap (30) being generally elongate and hav-
ing first (30a) and second (30b) end portions.
The method including the steps of 1. wrap-
ping the flexible wrap around the blood vessel
(28); 2. passing the first end (30a) of the wrap
(30) through a buckle device (10) affixed sub-
stantially distally from the first end (30a) of
the wrap (30); 3. adjusting the tension in the
wrap (30) to a desired level by movement of
the first end (30a) of the wrap (30) relative to
the buckle device (10); 4. securing together
adjacent parts of the wrap (30) substantially
adjacent the blood vessel (28); and 5. remov-
ing the buckle device (10).